

# FRENCH LINES ARE HOLDING

## GERMANS' ATTACK GROWING LARGER

Situation at Fort Douaumont Where Fighting is Heaviest Remains Unchanged.

GERMANS HOLD FORTRESS  
Offensive Started in Champagne District Results in Capture of Positions.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—So far as the French official report of Monday shows, the German attack is developing to the east and southeast. At Four Douaumont, where the fighting has been the heaviest, the situation is unchanged. The fort itself is apparently still held by the Germans. In the village of Douaumont, few hundred yards from the fort, there was a furious struggle last night. The war office announces that German attempts to capture the village resulted in failure. Southeast of Verdun the Germans are pressing the attack. The French statement reports a full German attack against Manheulles, ten miles south of Verdun, which may indicate advance in that quarter although the precise location of the front in these sections has not been made known.

## GERMANS CAPTURE FRENCH POSITIONS

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Although further advances have been made by the Germans north of Verdun no changes of great importance in this region are revealed by the war office statement today. An offensive has been started by the Germans in the Champagne resulting in the capture of Navarin farm and French positions on both sides for a distance of 1,600 yards. It is said that more than 1,000 French were captured.

## WATSON IS AMBITIOUS TO DETHRONE MCGRAW

As Democratic National Committeeman and to Take the Toga Himself.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—How near there came to be a new senatorial candidate in the Democratic field as a result of that recent war dance of party braves and bucks at Parkersburg, an unsuspecting historian is about to report. It was very near—very near, indeed, we are told upon Democratic authority as unimpeachable as it is impeccable. Clarence Wayland Watson had a narrow escape from all reports. He it was who came within an ace of getting into the senatorial ring and furnishing himself as the sacrifice for a Republican holiday. As the story is told by one who stands in close touch with the Watson person, he received requests from so many of the lesser party chiefs to become an aspirant for the nomination, and these requests were so insistent, cordial and emphatic that he was impressed to the extent that he came very near capitulating. That he didn't was due, we are told at last, largely to the fact that, upon under-

## CHAMPION BOY POTATO RAISER

Is Barney G. Tilley, of Matoaka, Mercer County, This State, and Gets Prize.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Barney G. Tilley, of Matoaka, Mercer county, is the champion boy potato raiser in the Fifth congressional district, and he has a prize Berkshire sow to prove it, which was the prize given by Congressman Edward Cooper and for which many youngsters in the district Mr. Cooper prize is a permanent institution and is distributed annually. There has just come to Mr. Cooper from Master Tilley a homemade brochure, by which he sets great store, and which he displays to visitors in his office with much pride. It is bound in black leather and in letters of gold carries the title "How I Grew My Potatoes," by Barney G. Tilley, Matoaka, W. Va. The story is told on neatly written typewritten pages, the work of the successful young potato raiser of Mercer county, and distributed through the pages are kodak pictures of young Tilley and his potato patch in various stages of development. The volume is original, artistic and complete, and Congressman Cooper is going to turn it over to the department of agriculture and it will be issued as a public document for distribution throughout the United States, the especial purpose being to get it into the hands of the boys and girls of the country who belong to the innumerable potato, corn and other agricultural clubs. Master Tilley grew his fifty and one-half bushels of prize potatoes on

## INDEPENDENTS EXCLUDED BY PIPE LINE COMPANIES

Through High Tariffs and Unreasonable Shipping Requirements.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—A charge that petroleum pipe line companies of the mid-continent field, through high tariffs and unreasonable shipping requirements, have excluded independent shippers from their lines was made by the Federal Trade Commission in its report to the Senate on a special investigation of the business.

If the five systems that control the mid-continent pipe lines charged their own refiners for carrying oil at the rate they offer to carry it for independents, the report declares, their net earnings show a 45.5 per cent profit on their pipe line investments. As it is, they are declared to earn more than nineteen per cent. The investigation was ordered by the last Congress, which later directed an Interstate Commerce Commission inquiry. To avoid duplication the trade commission confined its work to the mid-continent field, while the Interstate Commerce Commission turned its attention to systems operating in the East.

The commission summarizes its findings in this language: "The dominant position of the mid-continent field makes the facts developed in this report of vital importance to the entire country. "The fixed investment in pipe lines is extensive and corresponds closely with the actual cost of such property. "Pipe line construction in the mid-continent field has followed, instead of preceded, crude oil production, and such investment is comparatively secure. "There is a large difference between the cost of pipe line transportation, which is very low, and pipe line tariff rates, while the independent

## SUTHERLAND ELECTED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Congressman-at-large Howard Sutherland has been notified of his election as a member of the Interstate Young Men's Christian Association committee for the group of states composed of West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

W. B. Kemp, of Morgantown, is a guest at the Hotel Gore.

## Fewer Housekeeping Failures to be Result of Domestic Science Training

Miss Hanko Says Girls Are Interested in Training and Will Be Better Housekeepers.

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY AFTERNOON.  
Subject: "Food Standards."  
Menu: Cake in Fireless Cooker, Old English Tartlets, Favorite Tartlets, Jolly Boys, Peach Short Cake.

The Telegram Better Foods-Better Homes school opened this afternoon at the Masonic auditorium with a large and deeply interested class. Miss Emma Hanko, who has been secured to have charge of this class, has very genuine and sincere interest in this teaching is of value to actual housewives. She advocates the training of girls for homemaking and tells of many instances where they have been able to enter on homemaking careers, with fewer heart-breaking mistakes by reason of having been thoroughly trained.

Miss Hanko spent a very busy morning getting everything in shape at the Masonic auditorium so that there would be no friction in the opening session of the school this afternoon. It is her aim to help in the solution of the problem of the cost of living. An expert housekeeper and dietitian, her instructions will enable women to plan better meals, arrange satisfactory household budgets, and take care of their homes with less effort.

Miss Hanko has been doing intensive Better Foods-Better Homes work among actual housewives, for the last three years and in everything she does, she seeks to magnify the office of homemaker and housekeeper. She believes that every thoroughly normal woman of fine and broad intelligence has what an artist would call "the feeling" for housewifely perfection, and that however clever a woman may be along any particular line, when she turns her attention to housekeeping she can do that better than any other thing. For the reason that this is really woman's field of endeavor. Girls, too, may have their attention divided by many other interests, they may be barred out of the kitchen by an indifferent mother, or a frowning cook, but they will naturally turn to something else in the

## MANY LIVES LOST IN SHIP BLOW-UPS

Only 260 of 411 Passengers and Crew on Ill-Fated Vesels Known to Be Saved.

## BABY AMONG THE RESCUED

Three More Bodies Recovered Making a Total Number of Forty-Seven Thus Far.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular and Oriental line steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank in half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only 260 are known to have been saved. Of the total 119 passengers, sixty-four names of persons saved have been received at the steamship company's offices.

The bodies of three more seamen of the crew of the Maloja have been washed ashore, making the total of bodies recovered forty-seven. Many relatives are arriving at Dover for the purpose of endeavoring to identify bodies. Among those rescued yesterday was a baby, which was found floating on its back. The child was discovered by a patrol boat and was taken into the engine room. After being warmed it smiled at its rescuers and seemed none the worse for the immersion.

## KANSAS MAN SAFE FROM SEA DISASTER

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 28.—Ralph Foster, son of the Rev. Festus Foster, of Topeka, a passenger aboard the steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank off Dover yesterday, called his parents Monday he had been rescued unhurt.

## NO MORE SURVIVORS OF DISASTER FOUND

DOVER, Feb. 28.—A continuous search by boats in the vicinity of the sunken steamer Maloja and inquiries along the coast had failed up to mid-afternoon today to raise the number of known survivors of the disaster, 260, of whom sixty-four were passengers.

## INJURED IN MINE

FAIRMONT, Feb. 28.—Frank Pyles, employed with the Preston Coal Company at Newburg, was brought Sunday evening to the Fairmont hospital in a critical condition. He was caught by a fall of slate in the mines and had crushing injuries of the legs, chest and arms.

## GETS PATENT.

Harry H. Vandegrift, of this city, has obtained a patent on a mold for molding concrete stairs.

## Cornwell's Nomination Predicted By Earl Smith

Fairmont Editor Says Romney Man Will Be Choice of the Democrats for Governor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Speaking as one editor on another editor's political prospects, Earl W. Smith, of Fairmont, at the Raleigh, went on record in a prophetic way as forecasting the nomination of John Cornwell, of Romney, "Mr. Cornwell," he said, "will be the choice of the party voters at the primary, as their candidate for governor. It will be the logical thing for our party to do to nominate him, if taxation and the handling of state finances are to be the pivotal issues upon which the election is to turn, for the reason that Mr. Cornwell made a splendid race on these issues twelve years ago, against very heavy odds. It is the Democratic

## BARGAIN PERIOD WILL END TODAY

Last Chance to Get Daily and Sunday Telegram at the Reduced Rates.

The Telegram's eighth annual bargain subscription period ends tonight. During the last week hundreds of new and renewal subscriptions for the daily and Sunday issues of the Telegram have been received, the bargain period discount of twenty-five per cent proving very attractive to those who wanted a good daily and Sunday newspaper. Today is the last opportunity this year to secure the Telegram at reduced rates and all who wish to save money on their subscriptions should pay their accounts. The following reduced rates prevail: By Carrier. No. 1.—The Daily Telegram and the Sunday Telegram, by carrier, one year, \$6. Regular price, \$7.70. You save \$1.70. No. 2.—The Daily Telegram, by mail, one year, \$2.25. Regular price, \$3. You save seventy-five cents. No. 3.—The Sunday Telegram, by mail, one year, \$2. Regular price, \$2.50. You save fifty cents. To accommodate those who can not call during the day, the Telegram office will be kept open tonight until 9 o'clock. Subscription orders may also be sent by mail and will be accepted if they bear today's postmark.

## WOMAN BOOTLEGGER.

WHEELING, Feb. 28.—Grace Johnson, the first woman in Ohio county to be charged with violation of the Yost prohibition law, was arrested here early today. Prohibition officers claim to have found sixteen baskets of bottled beer and a considerable quantity of wine concealed in her house. It is the second time her residence was raided by prohibition officers, the first raid disclosing no incriminating evidence.

## GREAT MAN

Is National Committeeman Highland's Estimate of Elihu Root.

In reply to the New York Sunday World's question: "What Do You Think of Root?" asked every Republican national committeeman, Virgil L. Highland, national committeeman for West Virginia, answered as follows: "I think Senator Root one of the foremost statesmen in the world today. He possesses a great mind finely trained and is absolutely honest. At this particular period the nation needs him. The future position of our country in world affairs hangs in the balance."

"Senator Root's election to the presidency more than anything that can now be done will establish our position and give us that standing which will place the nation in a commanding position for generations. If the party can unite upon Senator Root for president it will merit the gratitude of the entire country."

Mr. Highland is personally acquainted with Senator Root. A few years ago when Senator Root appeared as counsel in Judge Nathan Gott's court here Mr. and Mrs. Highland entertained him at their home.

## MURDER CONFESSED

By Two Men Who Declare They Were Paid \$50 by Aaron Fell to Attack Woman.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 28.—William McClure and Joseph White pleaded guilty in court this morning to the murder of Mrs. Caroline Viehmer, a wealthy widow, whose body was found in her home in McCandless township December 12 last. Her son-in-law, Aaron Fell, whom McClure and White declared paid them \$50 to attack Mrs. Viehmer in order that he might secure possession of a note for \$1,000 she held against him, was placed on trial charged with complicity in the crime.

## OGDEN DAY

Will Be Observed by Household of Ruth with an Appropriate Program.

The Household of Ruth will observe Ogden day at the Odd Fellows hall at the corner of Main and Elk streets. The program will be as follows: Invocation—Adolphus Daniels. Singing. Address of welcome—Mrs. M. L. Johnson. Annals of Ogden—Mrs. I. E. McCoy. Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Patton. Address—"Our Order"—Mrs. Brown.

Paper—D. H. Kyle. Saxophone solo—E. P. Bowyer. Paper—Mrs. W. T. Kenney. Solo—William Lewis. Paper—Mrs. E. P. Myers. Address—Mrs. A. L. Mitchell. Solo—Mrs. M. L. Topell. Closing remarks—Mrs. Nellie Wilson. Refreshments will be served. Admission will be free.

## STEAMSHIP SUNK

Fifteen Only of Those on Board Russian Vessel Destroyed Are Reported Saved.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petshenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those aboard were saved. The Petshenga was formerly the German steamship Erik Larsen, which was captured by the Russians early in the war. It was of 1,647 tons, was 260 feet long and thirty-seven feet beam.

## GO TO MARDI GRAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Byrd and Alvin and Miss Gertrude Williams have gone to New Orleans to the Mardi Gras. They left here Saturday night and went by Cincinnati. Returning they will come by boat from New Orleans to New York. They will be gone two weeks or more.